

MaineCare Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio called to order the regular meeting of the MaineCare Advisory Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4th.

II. ROLL CALL

Kathy Kilrain del Rio conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Kathy Kilrain del Rio; Laurie Belden; Theresa Cahill; Laura Cordes; Jamie Cotnoir; Leo Delicata; Cathy Dionne; Gia Drew; Al Durgin; Rachel Dyer; Mark Eves; Suzanne Farley; Jillian Jolicoeur; Sarah Lewis; Jim Martin; Esther Miller; Beth Pearce; Atlee Reilly; Dee Sabattus; Jeff Tiner; Vicki McCarty, and Susan White.

Department: Erik Eisele; Amanda Lee; Jenny Patterson; Michelle Probert; and Molly Slotznick; Jackie Steiner; Haley Stokes; Stephen Yamalis.

Guests: Asha Ali Main; Alex Carter; Kate Christiansen; Brian Duffy; Mackenzie Dwyer; Kate Ende Brooke Hamilton; Cathy Hamilton ; Becca Matusovich; Regina Philips; and Malory Shaughnessy.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a.) My Maine Connection Overview—Presented by Deloitte

- Stephen Yamalis of the Deloitte team presented an overview of the My Maine Connection portal.
- Kathy noted it would be helpful if staff members of organizations who directly assist members could have the ability to access the Maine Connection portal alongside of the members to help them with the application process.
- Erik noted there are You Tube videos available to help agencies understand what information folks will be asked for and what the process looks like.

b.) Chair and Vice Chair Elections

- The election was opened to MAC members only, and limited to one vote per organization. Kathy Kilrain del Rio ran for Chair, and Malory Shaughnessy ran for Vice Chair.
- Kathy Kilrain del Rio was elected Chair, and Malory Shaughnessy was elected Vice Chair, both unanimously with 21 votes.

c.) **DHHS Updates With Michelle Probert**

- The Department has begun holding bi-monthly behavioral health stakeholder meetings led by MaineCare.
- The Department has been working on a project to allow self-attestation for tribal citizen status and is now set up to do that.
- PC Plus went live on July 1. We are reopening the application process for the program so practices can apply if they think they may have qualified for a different tier, or if there are new practices or practices that were not able to apply the first time around. The application process will be open from 10/7 to 11/11.
- A stakeholder session was held regarding the Department's preparations for the PHE unwinding, when it occurs. We have new website, Mainecare.gov/phe. There is a recording of the session as well as a PowerPoint and additional helpful information posted there at www.MaineCare.gov/PHE We should know by November 12th whether the PHE will be extended again.

d.) **Rate System Updates—Amanda Lee**

- Amanda presented a rate study update.
- Erik noted that we are working on putting together a Rate Setting page on the MaineCare website.
- Regina Phillips suggested MaineCare meet with the community to tell people what is available assistance wise.
- Kathy noted the need to get more input from members about what services they are having difficulty accessing.

Rate System Subcommittee Updates – Laura Cordes

- The Rate System sub-committee met last Monday and discussed the timing and progress around the Chapter I, Section 1 rounding rule. Is the State still on track for that to go in effect January 1, 2023? The committee suggests the Department hold a session with folks who would like more on information on the rule.
- The sub-committee asked about the timeline of the Section 106 rule. Is there a draft of the rule coming soon?

e.) **Rulemaking/Waivers/SPA Packet—Jennifer Patterson**

- The permanent dental rule has been adopted.
- Work on Section 106 is still underway. There aren't any substantial changes from what was presented in January.
- The Department will look at whether it is possible to host a session on the rounding rule.
- Notice of the draft NET waiver application was posted today. The comment deadline is November 4th.

f.) **Communications Updates—Erik Eisele**

- There is a recording of the meeting that was held on Thursday that will assist in understanding what the PHE unwinding is.

- The Department is recording the MAC meetings, and the MAC web page will begin housing the recordings.

g.) **MAC Meeting Logistics—Kathy**

Kathy noted we will be scheduling backup meetings for December through March for use should the State require snow day cancellations on any of the scheduled MAC meeting dates. The 2nd Tuesday of the month will be the backup date.

h.) **Items From Guests.**

None

h.) **Wrap Up**

- The next MAC meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio adjourned the meeting at noon